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Dear Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in reply to Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, for which the three-month date for response is September 18, 2002. This response is being filed within that time period.

In response to Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 7-29, 78-89, and 146-149), with traverse. Applicants believe that claims 58-77 are also drawn to an evaluation device and request reconsideration as to the classification of these claims.

The Restriction Requirement divides the pending claims into three distinct groups including Groups I and II:

- 1) Group I is drawn to a currency evaluation device, classified in class 194, subclass 206, which includes Claims 7-29, 78-89, and 146-149; and
- 2) Group II is drawn to a magnetic scanhead and sensor, classified in class 365, subclass 49, which includes Claims 58-77 and 102-128.

Applicant respectfully traverses the claim groupings and requests that Group I further include claims 58-77, which were classified under Group II. Claims 58-77 comprise two independent claims – claims 58 and 69 – which are drawn to evaluation devices including a magnetic scanhead, a memory, and an evaluating unit. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that Group I should be amended to include claims 58-77, which were classified in Group II.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

No fees are believed due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required (except payment of the issue fee) to JENKENS & GILCHRIST, P.C. Deposit Account No. 10-0447(47171-00271USP1).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 12, 2002



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